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In re the Application of

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

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The relevant documents are listed in the attached Form PTO-1449

REMARKS

The references cited in this IDS are: GB 885,503, and GB974829. Both references are written in the English language.

Applicants present these references so that the Patent Office may, in the first instance, determine any relevancy thereof to the presently claimed invention, see Beckman Instruments, Inc. v. Chemtronics, Inc., 439 F.2d 1369, 1380, 165 USPQ 355,

364 (5th Cir. 1970). Also see Patent Office Rule 104. Applicants respectfully request that these references be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application and made of record herein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue herefrom.

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Applicants also mention the enclosed documents from potentially related US patent applications: a Notice of Allowance was issued in US Application No. 10/488,042 on June 02, 2008; a Notice of Allowance was issued in US Application No. 10/516,888 on June 02, 2008; and a final rejection was mailed in US Application 10/516,889 on May 30, 2008.

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